

34. (Amended) An electrical connector, comprising:

a housing having a retention structure, the housing structure having a plurality of channels each extending substantially in a first direction, a plurality of recesses, and a plurality of openings formed therein, each of the openings extending between a respective one of the channels and a respective one of the recesses; and

a plurality of contacts each mounted in a respective one of the channels, each of the contacts comprising:

a medial section;

a mounting portion extending from one end of the medial section and comprising a mounting tab, the mounting tab extending through a respective one of the openings and contacting the housing so that the housing restrains the contact in the first direction; and

a compressive mating portion extending from another end of said medial section and having a distal end, wherein the retention structure of said housing engages the distal ends of the compressive mating portions of the contacts to preload the contacts.

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 and 15-37 are pending. Claims 1-13 and 15-33 have been canceled, and claim 34 has been amended in this amendment and response. No new claims have been added. Claims 34-37 will therefore be pending upon entry of the above amendments.

The disclosure has been objected to in the final rejection. In particular, the Examiner contends that a "mounting portion" as recited in claim 1 is not defined or shown in the